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OUTSTANDING FOREIGN LOANS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total outstanding foreign loans with interest during the last two years ;

(b) the details of the loans distributed for various developmental projects to various States during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) the details of the commitment charges paid by various States and Central Government for non-utilisation of such foreign loans within the specified period with the action taken by Government thereto; and

(d) the details of the foreign loans spent for infrastructural projects like roads and drinking water and providing other civic amenities to urban and rural area?

Answer

Minister of State in Ministry of Finance (Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal)

(a)The details of the total outstanding of foreign loans (on Government account) with interest paid during the last two years are as follows: -

(in Rs. Crore)

Year (as on 31st March)	Debt Outstanding of foreign loans	Interest paid
2004-05	191180.30	2643.33
2005-06	193574.90	2994.39

(b) Foreign loans received are released to the States as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the States, Details of the ACA released for various externally aided projects to various States during the last two years may be seen at Statement -I.

(c) Details of the commitment charges paid by various States and Centra! Government for non-utilization of such foreign loans during the last two years are as follows:

(in Rs. Crore)

	2004-05	2005-06
Centre	165.11	143.92
Maharashtra	1.33	
Tamil Nadu	2.53	
Pondicherry	0.13	
Multistates	0.25	
Grand Total	165.11	148.16

The charge levied by the development partner for committing their fund is called commitment charge. It does not necessarily mean as charge levied for delayed execution of the project. However, steps taken by the Government to improve aid utilization include; ensuring adequate provisioning for externally aided projects in the budgets of the State and Central Government, streamlining of procurement procedures, disintermediation of the flow of external aid to Central Public Sector Undertakings, strengthening of Project Monitoring Units in some States and Central Ministries, appointment of Nodal Officers for the States and regular review of projects, etc.

(d) Details of the foreign loans disbursed during 2005-06 for infrastructural projects like roads and drinking water and providing other civic amenities to urban and rural area are as follow:

(in Rs. Crore)

Sectors	Disbursements so far
Infrastructure- Road	8730.81
Urban Development	9259.84
Water Resources Management	1998.54
Agriculture & Rural Development	2618.76
Water Supply & Sanitation	29.21